

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Container made of plastic, the container (10) consisting of two container parts (12, 14) which are connected to one another in the opening region, wherein each container part (12, 14) comprises a horizontally extending upper floor (24) and a lower floor and has a single connection frame (26, 28) including the connection opening, the container parts (12, 14) can be connected to one another along the facing connection frames (26, 28), wherein the container parts (12, 14) are configured for use in the ground, and in that at least one connection frame (26, 28) includes a support device (30, 34; 54) which extends in the connection frame (26, 28) in the vertical direction and is capable of withstanding vertical forces from the ground , wherein the connection frame (26, 28) has a circular shape, the outer diameter of which approximately corresponds to the height of the container (10).
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the two container parts (12, 14) have a substantially identical structure except for a filling neck (18).

4. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 1, wherein the support device (54) includes vertically extending stiffening ribs (56, 58).
5. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 4, wherein the stiffening ribs (56, 58) protrude from the plane of the connection frame (26, 28).
6. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 4, wherein the stiffening ribs (56, 58) have centering faces (66) on their respective lower and upper ends, said centering faces cooperating with opposite abutting surfaces (68).
7. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 1, wherein facing stiffening ribs (56, 58) of the two container parts (12, 14) are connected to one another in the middle area.
8. (Canceled) Container according to claim 1, wherein the support device (54) includes a wall (30, 44).
9. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 8, wherein the wall (30, 44) comprises vertically extending ribs (36).

10. (Currently Amended) Container ~~according to claim 8,~~ made of plastic, the container (10) consisting of two container parts (12, 14), the container (10) consisting of two container parts (12, 14) which are connected to one another in the opening region, wherein each container part (12, 14) comprises a horizontally extending upper floor (24) and a lower floor and has a single connection frame (26, 28) including the connection opening, the container parts (12, 14) can be connected to one another along the facing connection frames (26, 28), wherein the container parts (12, 14) are configured for use in the ground, and in that at least one connection frame (26, 28) includes a support device (30, 34; 54) which extends in the connection frame (26, 28) in the vertical direction and is capable of withstanding vertical forces from the ground, wherein the support device (54) includes a wall (30, 44) and wherein the wall (30, 44) has a cylindrical edge, which is inserted into the connection frame (26, 28), and in that the connection frames (26, 28) of the two container parts (12, 14) are welded together, the welding seam (48) also welding the edge of the wall (30, 44) to the connection frames (26, 28).

11. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the width of each container part (12, 14) is smaller than the double diameter of the respective connection frame (26, 28).
12. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein it consists of high-density polyethylene.
13. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein for manufacturing the container parts, and if necessary, a mold insert for creating a change in shape is inserted into the same blowing mold.
14. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein it has a capacity of 4000 to 6000 liters.
15. (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein it approximately has a square base area.